

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2008
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ken Claud, Michael Skinner, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Candace Dowdy, Ron Allbritten, Dennis Thompson, Don Rogers, Philip Morris, Carol Roberts, Matt Mattingly, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held March 13, 2008, were presented for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Doug Crafton, who is the advisor for the Murray High School Chess Team. Mr. Crafton stated the team was invited to the council meeting because they won the state championship. He stated that the team works hard and did well this year.

Report from Pat Scott, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Mr. Scott stated the committee met to discuss putting a road into the newest area of the cemetery and correcting a drainage issue in the area. This area will hold a total of 971 lots. The road will be 10 feet wide and 1020 feet long and cost approximately \$12,000. There is also a drainage issue that will have to be dealt with and this will take approximately \$7300 to cover the cost. **Mr. Scott moved, as unanimously recommended by the Cemetery Committee,** to expend \$19,300 to put in the road and deal with the drainage issue for this. **Mr. Billington seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Recommendation from the Murray Planning Commission regarding rezoning a 0.726 acre tract of land located at 1211 Story Avenue and owned by Billy Dan Crouse from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to B-2 (Highway Business) based on the following findings: there have been changes of an economic and social nature to the neighborhood due to the construction of the building to the east and west; however, the rezoning was denied by the Murray Planning Commission by a vote of 4-3. **Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to uphold the decision of the Murray Planning Commission denying the rezoning of said property. Candace Dowdy, City Planner, stated that the motion was to actually approve the request to rezone; however, when the Planning Commission voted; the motion was defeated. Mr. Scott asked what Mr. Crouse was going to do with the property if it was rezoned and Ms. Dowdy stated that he did not have an idea at this time. He felt rezoning the property to B-2 would make it more valuable.

The zoning was already commercial; however, changing it to B-2 would make the zoning the least restrictive. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation to uphold the vote of the Murray Planning Commission denying the rezoning of 1211 Story approved.

Recommendation from the Murray Planning Commission authorizing the city attorney to draft an ordinance rezoning five tracts of land for a total of 12.538 acres located on Lowes Drive and North 16th Street from R-4 (multi family residential) to B-2 (highway business) based on the following findings: there have been major changes of an economic, social, and physical nature not anticipated in the comprehensive plan in particular the proposed impact of the widening of Hwy 121 Bypass North to 5 lanes and the widening of N 16th Street intersection; the R-4 zoning would restrict any additional access to the existing businesses to the south along Hwy 121 Bypass North; and due to the existing detention basins in this area and the topography of the land the property adjacent to Lowes Drive is not suitable for development. Said property is owned by WMFF, LLC, Forrest D. Nye, Helen Spann Trust, and Steven Nance. **Mr. Seargent moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to approve said recommendation. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation approved.

Recommendation from the Murray Planning Commission to deny the rezoning request of Martin Yancey for property located at 1108 Main Street from R-2 (single family residential) to PO (professional office) was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said recommendation. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation approved.

Mr. Wells provided the following numbers for the Make a Difference Day that was held on March 15th: 195 pairs of eyeglasses; 150 gallons of oil; 200 pounds of clothing; 149 inkjet cartridges; 72 cell phones; 2900 pounds of glass; 150 pounds of batteries; 35 tons of paper; and 1000 pounds of aluminum cans. He stated the next one is scheduled for May 17th.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk